

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A convertible luggage device for transportation of items along a transportation surface, comprising:

a main body having a long side and at least one short side, the main body including a compartment for storage, the compartment being capable of being opened and closed to retain items within the compartment;

a handle connected to the main body; and

a first pair of retractable wheels and a second pair of retractable wheels, the first and second pairs of wheels configured to span substantially the length of the long side, the first pair of retractable wheels including a first retracted position wherein at least one wheel of the first pair of wheels includes a portion which extends beyond both the long side and the at least one short side of the main body being positioned in both retracted and extracted configurations such that the luggage device can be rolled across a transportation surface with the long side being substantially vertical to the transportation surface and a second extended position wherein the at least one wheel of the first pair of wheels is extended and positioned further from the long side of the body than when in the first position; and

a pivoting handle assembly operatively connected to the first and second pairs of retractable wheels whereby actuation of the handle assembly accomplishes retraction and ejection of the first and second pairs of wheels, the luggage device being capable of being rolled across a surface on both first and second pairs of wheels with the long side being substantially horizontal to the surface only when the first and second pairs of wheels are ejected;

wherein the luggage device accomplishes storing and retaining items in the compartment when the long side of the luggage device is rolled ~~both substantially vertical and horizontal to a~~
along the transportation surface.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A convertible luggage device of claim 1, wherein the first pair of wheels are retractable and ejectable and activation of the handle assembly accomplishes retraction and ejection of the first pair of wheels.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A convertible luggage device of claim 1, the pivoting handle assembly further including a brake system.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A convertible luggage device of claim 3, wherein the brake system operates to control rotation of at least one of the second pair of ~~retractable~~ wheels.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A convertible luggage device of claim 4, the brake system further including a cable attached to a pulley configured within a tube defining the pivoting handle.

Claim 6 (previously presented): A convertible luggage device of claim 5, the brake system further including a compression brake arrangement that cooperates with the pulley and cable.

Claim 7 (previously presented): A convertible luggage device of claim 6, the brake system further including a brake handle operatively connected to the brake cable, activation of the brake handle accomplishing deactivation of the brake.

Claims 8-11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (previously presented): A convertible luggage device of claim 1, further comprising a basket assembly connected to the long side of the main body.

Claim 13 (previously presented): A convertible luggage device of claim 12, the basket assembly defining a generally rectangular space with an open top.

Claim 14 (previously presented): A convertible luggage device of claim 13, the basket assembly having walls defined by netting.

Claim 15 (previously presented): A convertible luggage device of claim 1, further comprising a strapping system for engaging a child car safety seat.

Claim 16 (canceled)

Claim 17 (previously presented): A convertible luggage device of claim 1, further comprising a first zipper accessible compartment that provides access to an interior of the main body.

Claim 18 (previously presented): A convertible luggage device of claim 17, further comprising a second zipper accessible compartment that is configured to receive convertible structure of the luggage device.

Claim 19 (previously presented): A convertible luggage device of claim 1, wherein the handle assembly includes structure that automatically locks at least one wheel when the handle assembly is pivoted into a first position.

Claim 20 (previously presented): A convertible luggage device of claim 1, further comprising a force activated compression brake.

Claim 21 (new): The convertible luggage device of claim 1, wherein at least one wheel of the first pair of wheels includes a second portion which overlaps or is contained within boundaries defined by the long side and the at least one short side when the first pair of wheels are in the first retracted position.

Claim 22 (new): The convertible luggage device of claim 1, wherein the second pair of wheels include a fully retracted position and an ejected position, wherein the handle is pivotably connected to the main body and operatively connected to the first pair of wheels and second pair of wheels such that activation of the handle causes the first pair of wheels to move from the first

retracted position to the second extended position and causes the second pair of wheels to move from the fully retracted position to the ejected position.

Claim 23 (new): The convertible luggage device of claim 22, wherein when the first pair of wheels are in the second extended position and the second pair of wheels are in the ejected position, the luggage device can be rolled on the first and second pairs of wheels with the long side parallel to the transportation surface.

Claim 24 (new): The convertible luggage device of claim 23, further comprising a pivot point, an L-shaped bracket rigidly connected to the handle and including a locking wedge projecting therefrom, and a rotating arm including a mating structure for receiving the locking wedge, the L-shaped bracket and rotating arm being rotatably connected to the pivot point.

Claim 25 (new): The convertible luggage device of claim 24, further comprising:
a guide member fixed to the main body; and
a tubular extension member including a first end pivotably connected to the L-shaped bracket and a second end portion housing a spring biased brake member, translation of the tubular extension member being controlled by the guide member.